

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

PPP connection establishment procedures are required whenever a new packet data call is initiated, an inter-PDSN dormant reactivation occurs, an inter-PDSN active handoff occurs, or an inter-PDSN dormant mode handoff (DMHO) occurs. MIP Registration is also required when Mobile IP is supported. Resources such as air traffic channels, A8 and A10 bearer resources, and SCCP connections are usually required at least to complete PPP establishment and MIP registration. However, currently these resources may be held until the call is disconnected, until an MS or RAN inactivity timer expires, or until the PPP session timer expires. For situations such as dormant mode handoff, in particular, this can result in a relatively long period of time during which network resources are blocked from other revenue producing uses. Moreover, in PDSN border areas, or during peak traffic times when PDSNs are running near capacity, inter-PDSN dormant mode handoffs can occur frequently and thereby compound this problem.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 26 with the following replacement paragraph:

As another example, target PDSN 141 may also ensure that AN 121 has indicated that MS 101 does not have data ready to send (DRS). Such an indication may first be received by AN 121 from MS 101 in Origination message 202. In particular, the indication could be conveyed by setting a "DRS" field in message 202 to "0". AN 121 would then convey to target PDSN 141 the indication that MS 101 does not have data ready to send by using A11-Registration Request message 212, for example. Having this information allows PDSN 141 to determine during the initial registration with greater certainty whether MS 101 plans to send data to the network upon completion of the

dormant mode handoff. Besides knowing whether IP network 151 has data to send to MS 101 and when the PPP/MIP registration has been completed, PDSN 141 would now also know whether MS 101 has data to send at the time of the initial registration request. This allows the PDSN to determine with greater certainty whether the session should go dormant.

3. Please replace the page header of the application (pages 1-19) with the following replacement header:

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